Instructor: David H. Gray

Dr. Gray specializes in international and national security affairs. His expertise includes U.S. and international security and strategic studies; current global security issues; U.S. foreign and national security policy formulation and strategy; intelligence; political violence and insurgency; international terrorism; and international weapons proliferation.

A retired U.S. Air Force Officer, David is also a former, foreign service officer and program director. He has extensive experience in the national and international security and intelligence communities and has completed assignments for the United States Departments of Defense, Energy, Homeland Security, Justice, and State, as well as, the United Nations, the Congress and the National Intelligence Council. He also served in a number of overseas assignments in various parts of Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East and has worked with many defense, corporate, law enforcement, security and intelligence organizations and services worldwide.

Professor Gray has taught graduate and undergraduate courses for more than a dozen universities. Currently, he teaches undergraduate and graduate courses at Campbell University, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina-Wilmington, and Norwich University. Previously, he taught graduate, international security courses at the University of Denver Graduate School of International Studies and the University of Colorado.

For decades, he has taught graduate and undergraduate courses in international security studies in academe and government. Professor Gray has taught national and international security and strategic studies courses at the National Defense University, Air University, Naval War College, Joint Forces Staff College, Marine Corps University, JFK Special Warfare Center and School, USAF Special Operations School, USAF Academy, and Naval Postgraduate School. He has also taught national and international security courses at the Defense Intelligence Agency National Defense Intelligence College, National Security Agency National Cryptological School, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency National Imagery School, Department of Defense Intelligence Technical Training Center, C.I.A. Kent School for Intelligence Analysis and several other Central Intelligence Agency and Federal Bureau of Investigation operational education and training centers. He has lectured at US Special Operations Command, US Army Special Operations Command, US Marine Corps Special Operations Command, US Navy Special Operations Command, and US Air Force Special Operations Command.

Drawing upon his professional and academic experience, David is a much-sought-after speaker and has published extensively on national and international security topics with special emphasis on International Terrorism and Strategic Intelligence. He completed his undergraduate work at Brigham Young University and holds a doctorate from the University of Southern California. He also finished post-doctoral coursework at Columbia University.

Course Description:

Terrorism is one of the most critical national and international security threats and concerns. This course, entitled the Dynamics of Terrorism, focuses on the problems of and potential solutions for Terrorism, and provides the student with the opportunity to study the key factors, analyze the rationale and context, and examine actual examples and events of Terrorism. Much of the course material concentrates on the operational aspects of Terrorism and thereby allows for subsequent analysis of counterterrorism policy and operations formulation and implementation. Comprehensive in scope, this course will cover a wide range of relevant topics. Lectures, discussions, exercises, case studies, demonstrations, and guest speakers enrich the course.

Specifically, this course addresses such topics as: Historical Aspects and Roots of Terrorism; Definitions, Critical Attributes, and Strategies of Terrorism; Political Violence, Terrorism and Insurgency; Sociological, Economic, and Psychological Factors of Terrorism; Operational Aspects of Terrorism; al-Qaida (AQ): Past, Present and

Future Directions; Palestinian Terrorist Groups; Suicide Terrorism; Cyberterrorism; Regional Studies: Terrorism (Africa; Asia; Latin America; Europe: and Middle East); Terrorism and the Media; Case Studies (like Mumbai and Beslan); Terrorism Operations (as detailed in such AQ documents as the Manchester Document, Targeting Memo; Counter-UAV document; Insurgency Doctrine; and Guidelines for Jihad); Terrorism and Organized Crime; Financial Aspects of Terrorism; Intelligence and Counterterrorism; National and International Intelligence Operations for Counterterrorism; Counterterrorism: Policies, Procedures, and Perspectives; Explosives; and Weapons of Mass Destruction.